

reading for display with respect to B picture, and such concept is common to all the embodiments. Therefore, all the embodiments are related to a common concept, and Applicants believe that all the claims or all the embodiments should be examined collectively without restricting the invention to only one embodiment.

The following will clarify the correspondence between the claims and the embodiments.

- (1) Embodiment 1; FIGS. 1-10
The content; time difference between the starting of decoding a B picture and the starting of reading out a B picture is one field period.
Claims 1, 6, 8, 13, 21, 26
- (2) Embodiment 2; FIGS. 11-15
The content; the starting of decoding a B picture is further delayed by one macro block line period,
Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23
- (3) Embodiment 3; FIGS. 17-18
The content; upon pull down conversion, decoding of next frame is started when reading of a field to be displayed last is started.
Claims 8-10, 13, 14-17, 20
- (4) Embodiment 4; FIGS. 19-24
The content; a time difference between the starting of decoding a B picture and the starting of reading of B picture for displaying is one field even in processing on a field basis.
Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 26
- (5) Embodiment 5; FIGS. 25-26
The content; delay is selectively added depending on the field basis or frame basis.
Claims 4, 11, 18, 24

As demonstrated above, claims are distributedly correlated to the embodiments since the independent claims are not related to the embodiments in one to one correspondence

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Claim 1 recites the time difference between the decoding and the reading in the case of field and frame based picture, and also covers embodiments 1 and 4.

Independent claim 8 recites the time difference between the decoding of a frame based picture and the reading of the field to be displayed last, and also covers embodiments 1 and 3.

Independent claim 14 is directed to the pull-down conversion and also covers embodiment 3.

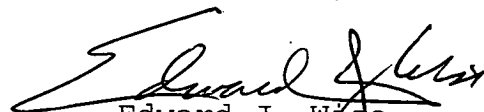
Independent claim 21 recites the time difference between the decoding of a first (head) field and the reading for display wherein the picture is frame based picture, and covers Embodiments 1 and 4.

Embodiments 2 and 5 are recited in dependent claims.

~~Clearly, all the embodiments are related to a common concept.~~
Therefore, there is commonality of concept between all the identified species and withdrawal of the restriction requirement between species is respectfully solicited.

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